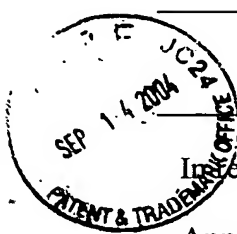


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Inventor application of: Elshafei

Attorney Docket No.: SMC1P025/8061-920

Application No.: 10/729,842

Examiner: Unknown

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Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS WITH  
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed March 10, 2004 (a copy of which is enclosed), a response to which is due May 10, 2004, Applicant hereby petitions for a four-month extension of time in which to respond under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), in order keep the above-referenced application pending up through **September 10, 2004**. Enclosed is our Check No. 23660 for \$1610.00 in payment of the four-month extension of time, and missing parts surcharge. If the missing parts surcharge is not required, please credit such overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0388 (Order No. SMC1P025).

In a separate communication, Applicant is paying the Processing and Retaining Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f)(5) and 1.21(l). The payment of the above extension fee and the processing and retaining fee without payment of the basic filing fee is understood to be sufficient to keep the above application pending through September 10, 2004 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(1)(iii). However, if any additional fees are required, including if payment of the basic filing fee is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(1)(ii) in order to keep the application pending through September 10, 2004, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or

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basic filing fee which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0388 (Order No. SMC1P025).

Please note that a continuation of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53 is being separately filed on the same day.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**PAYMENT OF PROCESSING AND RETAINING FEE**  
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Sir:

Applicant hereby requests the above application to be processed and retained under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(f)(5) and §1.21(l) and hereby submits the required fee.

Check No. 23662 includes the processing and retaining fee of \$130.

If any additional fees are required under 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(1) in order for a continuing application to claim the benefit of the filing date of the above application, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0388 (Order No. SMC1P025).

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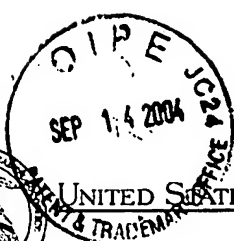
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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted***Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:**

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 770 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).*
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Additional claim fees of **\$108** as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$1008** for a Large Entity


- **\$770** Statutory basic filing fee.
- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is **\$108**
  - \$108 for 6 total claims over 20.

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